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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON NIACT IMMEDIATE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 1927

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: AMER, PINT, US
SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT TO PARTICIPATE IN EVACUATION OF
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 071355

FURTHER TO SEPTEL MAR 29 PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM MAR 29 ORDERED
MAXIMUM AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.
EMBASSY INFORMED MAR 29 THAT ONE RAFF C-130 NOW ENROUTE SAIGON
FOR MBUTTERWORTH, MALAYSIA. FOUR MORE WILL DEPART FOR SAIGON
FROM
RAFF BASE RICHMOND IN NEXT FEW HOURS. GOA HAS AVAILABLE FOUR
DC-3'S AND HAS INQUIRED OF ITS EMBASSY SAIGON IF THESE NEEDED
OR USEFUL.

PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WILL PROBABLY ANNOUNCE SHORTLY
AUSTRALIAN EFFORT BEING UNDERTAKEN IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST
FROM GVN AND U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER TELL

US THEY ARE SOMEWHAT UNEASY AT APPARENT OVERALL LACK OF
COORDINATION IN CONDUCT OF THIS EFFORT BUT WILL BE IN CLOSE

TOUCH WILL PROGRAM THROUGH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY SAIGON. THIS

CONNECTION AUSTRALIANS HAD ONE C-130 FROM BUTTERWORTH OVER DA NANG
MAR 28 BUT COULD NOT RPT NOT LAND DUE REFUGEES SWARMING
OVER AIRSTRIP.
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